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Beverly Fire Caused by Spontaneous Combustion of Refinishing Materials

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Beverly Fire Chief Richard F. Pierce said the investigation into the early morning fire at 890 Hale Street, Beverly has concluded the fire was due to the spontaneous combustion of painting solvents on rags. The house was undergoing renovations at the time of the fire.

The fire was jointly investigated by the Beverly Fire Department, Beverly Police Department and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

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